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Suffield Budget Narrowly Passes

By Connie Davis

By a 360-314 vote, Suffield residents approved the revised \$8.6 million budget for 1982-83 at Thursday night's town meeting. The auditorium at Suffield High School was filled beyond seating capacity as townspeople turned out to resolve the budgetary dilemma.

Another Defeat

At a previous town meeting on May 26th, citizens rejected a proposed \$8.73 million budget. A referendum last week resulted in another defeat of the budget as voters rejected the spending package in a 2-1 vote, 1170-566.

Action taken by the Board of Finance following the referendum sliced an additional \$125,000, which, supplemented by \$75,000 in increased revenue of town funds, lowered the mill rate one mill, or \$200,000.

Major cuts were sustained by the Board of Education, \$100,000 and \$25,000 reduction from the Selectmen's budget, Police Department, \$10,000 and Fire Department, \$3,000.

These cuts prompted the most vocal voter opposition at Thursday's meeting. Fire Commission Chairman Ralph Merrell said his department would go along with what the town wanted. However, he cited difficulty in maintaining four stations and eight vehicles with the amount of money budgeted.

Police Commissioner Mark Autorino presented a petition which he said contained signatures of 300 residents, urging rejection of the budget until police funds cut are restored.

Autorino made cost comparisons noting the relationship between Suffield and neighboring towns in money spent per person in regard to size of town. Simsbury, he noted, for example, spends \$41 per resident to cover 34 square miles, while Suffield spends \$36 per person to cover 43 square miles.

He reminded residents that basic police patrol in Suffield has involved cars since 1955 when the population was 4,895. Since that time Suffield's population has doubled.

Less Than Adequate

Also addressing the crowd was Board of Education Chairperson Elizabeth Mavis who recommended approval of the budget even though she explained it was less than adequate to meet present needs. Mavis stressed resulting layoffs for local residents and decreased efficiency.

Mary Dixon of 1230 North Street spoke in support of the school budget but criticized the practice of equating dollar expenditures with quality of education. "Money is not the issue - quality is," said Mrs. Dixon. She cited results of competency tests, comparing Suffield with nearby towns.

Thursday night's meeting marked the conclusion of the stormiest budget dispute in recent years. As Board of Finance member Dennis Kreps concluded, "There really weren't any winners."

As the new fiscal year approaches, residents reluctantly will dig deeper into their pockets to support town spending. The 3 mill tax increase is equivalent to approximately \$150 more taxes for homeowners whose property is valued at \$53,000.

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COMMONWEALTH CABLEVISION celebrated their arrival in Southwick Monday by activating the Firemen's Association building. Here, Commonwealth Vice-President and General Manager John Cooney, center, is explaining the firm's plan for installing other locations in town to, left to right, Selectwoman Vivian Brown, Selectman Russell Fox, Deputy Fire Chief Elwood Anderson, and Selectman Alan Ferrigno. Advertiser/News Photo by John Loftus.

Southwick Cable Installation Begins

By Andi Phelps

Southwick: By the end of July, "we will be watching cable TV," according to John Cooney, vice-president and general manager of Commonwealth Cablevision of Massachusetts, Inc. Commonwealth is contracted to service 86% of the town, 2,200 homes.

According to a proposed schedule, all construction has been completed and the company began marketing the service last Wednesday. Cooney estimates the door-to-door campaign will take from three to four weeks. Subscribers can expect hook-up within a week after they agree to the service, he said.

Canvassing will be done in five phases, beginning with the College Highway-lower Granville Road area. The second phase will take in the Feeding Hills Road area. Phase three includes Davis Road, Vining Hill and South Loomis Street. Phase four includes the lakes area, and phase five, North Loomis Street.

Late Afternoons/Early Evening Calls

Cooney expects his representatives to call on residents in the late afternoon and early evening hours when "people are usually available." He said that when someone is not at home, an explanation of the service will be left at the house. He advises residents not to call the Westfield office because his firm plans a systematic canvas of the town.

Selectmen are still receiving complaints from residents of areas not scheduled for installation of cable coverage. According to Cooney, several areas in town do not have the population to warrant the company's expense of installation. He said that, as in other towns contracted by the company, there will be an annual re-evaluation and "more than likely, the service will be extended bit by bit."

Less Populated Areas Expensive

Cooney said there is an arrangement where the company can install cable television in less dense neighborhoods, but this is usually very expensive for the homeowner. The company can expect to break even in neighborhoods of 35-40 homes per mile, he said.

Initially, local subscribers will be given free installation and a 30-day money back guarantee. Commonwealth plans to offer a 27-channel package with special entertainment channels including Home Box Office, Showtime, and Cinemax.

Commonwealth currently services 29,000 subscribers in Westfield, Agawam, West Springfield, Holyoke, South Hadley, and Granby, Mass.

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Youens Resigns From School Committee

By Andi Phelps

Southwick: Jeffrey Youens, veteran school committeeman for six years, has resigned his position, citing the "legal proceedings pending against me."

In a letter to the committee, Youens explained, "It is in the best interest of the School Committee and the town that the committee be allowed to proceed with its work without the necessity of concerning itself with those proceedings."

Youens said he remained on the School Committee as long as he felt he was effective. He said a suggested leave of absence did not seem appropriate. He added that since it is the end of the school year, this seems to be an appropriate time. "But I'll be around; I'm not go-

ing to hide in any closets," he told the group.

In March, Youens was indicted by a Grand Jury for twenty morals charges, mainly involving children. The case is scheduled for trial on July 19th.

The School Committee hopes to meet with selectmen soon to discuss filling the vacancy. A person appointed to an elected board serves until the annual election in April, according to law. The appointment is made by both selectmen and School Committee.

Interested persons are asked to contact either School Committee Chairman Sheila Larkin or the Board of Selectmen. School officials predict an appointment will be made before the end of July.

Canvassing Schedule For Cable TV Coverage

PHASE I

Bonnie View, Cedar, Crescent, Evergreen Ter., Maple, College Highway-south to Klaus Anderson, Granville Rd.-College Hwy. to Hillside, Juniper

PHASE II

Birchwood, Brookview, Buckingham, Feeding Hills, Fernwood, Foster, Gargon, Gloria, Hillcrest Rd., Matthews, Pineywood, Powder Mill, Red Oak, Renny, Sef-ton, Shirley, South Longyard, Thurgood, Shagbark, North Longyard-Feeding Hills to Hillcrest

PHASE III

Davis, Jeffrey, Kimberly, Tammy, Fred Jackson-Klaus Anderson west .5 mile, Mort Vining, Kimberly to Vining Hill, Vining Hill-S.Loomis to Davis, S.Loomis-Kline to state line, Klaus Anderson-College Hwy. to Davis

PHASE IV

Barbara, Beach, Berkshire, Brayton, Castle, Chapman, Congamond, Cottage, Depot, Eagle, Echo, Evergreen Ave., Field, Gillette, Grandview, Grove, Hill, Iroquois, Island, Knollwood, N.Lake, Lakemont, Lakeview, Middle, Miller, Oak, Point Grove, Powder Mill, Shore, Smith Beach, South, S.Longyard, Summer, White, Wood, Woodside, First, Second, Third, Fourth, Tobacco, Veteran, Babb-Pt.Grove to Castle, Boyce-east of Berkshire, Sheep Pasture-south to golf course.

PHASE V

Arcadia, Fenton, George Loomis, Ham Hill, Logie, Lindsey, N.Loomis-Westfield to Granville Rd. Granville-Loomis west .3 mile.

Destruction Of Dam Causing Rapid Drainage

By Andi Phelps

Southwick: The Conservation Commission has notified selectmen and state authorities that the earthen dam located on the old Farmington Canal at the south end of South Pond has been destroyed, causing the lake to drain rapidly and conceivably below an acceptable level, according to officials.

Arthur King, a member of the Lakes Restoration Committee and Redevelopment Corporation, appearing before selectmen Monday, said the damage was done by heavy equipment, possibly a backhoe, "by person or persons unknown." King expressed concern that the water will go below the necessary level to maintain water quality. Lower water level allows water temperature to rise causing rapid algae growth, he said, adding it is also a detriment to fish.

The dam was first built around 1900 when the canal was no longer of use. After the flood in 1955, the Army Corps of Engineers reinforced the dam. According to Robert Wichroski of the Congamond Lakes Redevelopment Corp., the dam was "solid enough to drive a car across it."

He explained that the dam has been built up with debris over the years and is layered with clay and brush on both sides. A similar dam built now would be loose and more easily washed out, he said.

Dam Checked After Heavy Rains Of Three Weeks Ago

After the heavy rains of June 3-6, according to Wichroski, the canal overflowed and water backwashed onto the railroad tracks and into the swamp nearby. When the rain stopped, the water began to recede into the lake. His group checked the site early in the week for washouts.

He said that some time Tuesday evening or Wednesday, the dam was dug out. Later in the week, according to King, the hole was widened and deepened. He said there were definitely fresh tracks in the area.

"Originally, I thought it could be plugged up with sandbags, but not now," he said.

Wichroski said the lake water is now only about 3 in-

ches above normal and with the current flow should be down by the end of the week. But with water flowing out through the canal, the level could drop as much as 18 inches below normal, he estimated.

Beside the dangers to the ecology, the lower level can also be hazardous to sportsmen, according to Wichroski. It will be nearly impossible to get through the bridges with a boat, he said. There can also be a danger to swimmers, boaters, and skiers when the sand bar is closer to the surface and beach drop-offs are closer to shore than usual.

Wichroski noted that there have been no complaints from Connecticut residents yet concerning the excess water flow through the canal.

In other business Monday, selectmen appointed John Cammisa of College Highway as regular patrolman to replace retiring Revell Emmonds. Cammisa has served as night dispatcher for the Police Department for six months and has been a reserve officer for several years, according to officials.

The board also appointed Daniel Rzonca of South Longyard Road as dog officer for the town effective July 1st. Rzonca has been dog officer since August along with Gene and Virginia Steward, who recently resigned their positions.

Carlene Americk of Boyce Road was appointed secretary to the Conservation Commission, an appointment approved by the commission.

Selectmen are considering granting a second special permit to Herb's Used Trucks and Parts allowing operation of a junk car business at the Sam West Road site. A regular Class 3 permit has not been granted because of surface water drainage problems at the location adjacent to Slab Brook.

Selectman Chairman Russell Fox said the second permit was being considered only because Herb Blier was working with town officials to correct the situation.

Unlicensed Dogs Subject To Fines

By Andi Phelps

Southwick: As of July 1st, owners of unlicensed dogs will be fined \$10 for each dog, according to recent selectmen's action. Dogs found running loose are also subject to a \$10 fine, officials announced.

According to Town Clerk Barbara Pooler, dog licenses expire June 1st, and by June 18th the dog officer can usually begin to fine owners. But this year, she said, the county changed the fee schedule and

licensing regulations, so people were not able to pick up their licenses early. "We are 250 to 300 licenses behind what we are usually behind at this time of the year," she said.

According to the new regulations, owners must supply proof of neutering for male dogs or proof of spaying for females. The new fees are \$4 for neutered and spayed dogs and \$10 for unneutered and unspayed animals.

Selectmen also want to remind residents that there is a \$1 per day permit fee for tag sales. Only two tag sales per year are allowed for a household.

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Town Must Move On Great Brook Funds

By Bob Hrycay

SOUTHWICK: The town has until the end of the month to free over \$200,000 in state funds already approved for dredging and culvert work for Great Brook, it was learned at Thursday's meeting of the Congamond Lakes Redevelopment Corporation.

On a night of bouquets for its newly elected officers, the CLRC threw verbal brickbats at the Board of Selectmen and the state legislature for what the CLRC feel is a general lack of concern for the plight of the lakes.

"The state has let us down," CLRC Vice-President John Scully of Castle Street lamented about the work needed for Great Brook.

Southwick resident and candidate for state representative from the Third Hampden District, Ruth Connor, said the state's withholding funds may be illegal, and she will attempt to gain an extension of funding past the June 30th deadline.

Connor felt that the state has withheld funds for Great Brook because they may be needed for other similar projects across the state.

CLRC members were highly critical of selectmen's actions in the wake of the recent rainstorm which caused the washout of the bridge on the transfer station road. A temporary bridge was erected and open boxes were provided for residents to deposit trash. According to the board, some people left trash by the roadside, presenting a health hazard.

"People couldn't get to the transfer station, but selectmen decided to worry about rubbish being dumped rather than people being flooded out," Scully said. "So you can see what the selectmen think about us down here by the lake."

Photographs were distributed documenting the high water level alongside lakeside homes in the wake of the torrential rains of June 5th and 6th.

New officers were elected by the CLRC. Citing a need for new leadership, Scully declined another year as president, but won the vice-president's post. David Heffernan of 16 Grandview Street was elected as the corporation's new president.

Other officers elected were Robert Wichroski of White Street, treasurer; Arthur Riordan of 162 Berkshire Avenue, assistant treasurer; Marilyn Wichroski, secretary; and Carol Kirk of 135 North Lake Avenue, clerk.

CLRC members plan to attend Monday night's Conservation Commission meeting, in addition to Thursday night's selectmen's meeting when officials of the Army Corps of Engineers will further discuss lake problems. A public informational meeting will also be held July 15th at the Powder Mill School.

Connor urged the CLRC to put the lakes issue on the November ballot, and told members that 200 signatures must be gathered on a petition by July 7th to meet the state deadline.

Suffield School Comm. Makes Further Cuts

By Connie Davis

Suffield: The Board of Education met Tuesday, June 22 to cut another \$100,000 from the proposed 1982-83 budget. With the reductions, the education budget for next year stands at \$5,311,498.

Specific reductions and the amount of money (saved) follow.

The only teaching positions directly involved were reduction of one music teaching position (\$17,380) and six-tenths of a physical education position (\$6,900). Also, one teaching position was changed from full-time classroom to part-time, federally-funded preschool intervention (\$10,700).

The short-term vacancy, before a new superintendent of schools begins work, will provide a saving of (\$4,000). A vocational-agriculture secretarial position will be reduced to a 10 month basis (\$2,050). Due to subsidy of funds, the account of the director of food services has been decreased (\$9,215). There will be a cutback in hiring of substitutes for nurses, secretaries and aides (\$6,000). The teacher-aide account was cut 7 percent (\$8,000). The field trip account was eliminated (\$3,000).

Reduction in the transportation account will reduce school bus service. One of the alternatives being actively considered is elimination of late buses or one bus route (\$15,000). Further reduction would shift responsibility for school bus insurance from the school system to bus contractors. (\$5,000).

In addition, reductions were made in the accounts for ground maintenance supplies (\$2,550) and audio-visual library supplies (\$2,000). The position of custodial coordinator of maintenance was reduced to a half-time position, pending legal review (\$8,250).



SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS SIDNEY DUPONT shows School Board members what the cut of \$100,000 will mean to the school system. Advertiser/News photo by John Loftus.

Reassignment of custodial duties might result in funding from other town sources.

Supt. Sid DuPont concluded "The end result of these cuts will move Suffield from a good school district to a marginal school district."

Fire Commission Concerned About Services

By Cheryl Rutz

Suffield: At its meeting Monday night, the Fire Commission stated that it will live with shortfalls in its budget, but is concerned with the department's decreasing quality of service to the townspeople that the budget cuts will cause.

"If we have a serious shortfall on anything, the Finance Board has assured me it will come to our aid," Chairman Richard Miner said, but commissioners expressed their worry about how the Finance Board will get the money to help in an emergency since they are already cutting the department's budget.

Additional Funds Needed For Fiscal 1982

The department asked for an additional \$1,986 to make it to July 1, 1982, according to Fire Chief Thomas Bellmore. In order to break even this year,

Bellmore said the department will have to cut out \$3,928 somehow.

The commissioners discussed cutting some of the volunteers' training, but feel that it is too important to the life and welfare of the townspeople. The money for salaries and cover time is a fixed amount, and truck maintenance and repair cannot be cut any further either, according to Miner.

The tight budget leaves chances slim for the building of a new fire station in West Suffield, something the commission has been considering. There is no money appropriated for this project yet, but the commissioners said they have set aside money for a new fire truck.

Decision Forthcoming On New Fire Truck

Bellmore stated that they have to make a decision as to what kind of truck they want, commercial or custom-made. "Officers will be running the truck," he noted, "so they know what is needed and we want their opinions."

The truck is scheduled to be used over the mountain in West Suffield. The commission also expressed a need for an aerial truck with a ladder so volunteers can fight fires better in high locations. Bellmore said this

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As a senior citizen, I was devastated by the 2-3 feet of H2O in my basement and was in a state of exhaustion from bailing out the water by hand. I finally phoned the West Suffield Fire Department for help and those magnificent men who are volunteers responded not only once but for three days, just to come by and check my basement.

Although I lost many personal things, I was thankful that I still had a home.

I think Southwick, Mass. deserves a comment for their lack of human consideration in this sad emergency.

Helena M. Ellis
227 Lakeview Drive

LEGAL NOTICE SOUTHWICK PUBLIC SCHOOLS SOUTHWICK, MASSACHUSETTS

BID INVITATION TO FURNISH SCHOOL LUNCH MILK

The Southwick School Committee invites bids to furnish and deliver milk in one half pint paper containers, and to furnish wrapped straws, and coolers where necessary in each of the three (3) Southwick Schools.

Bid forms are available at the Office of Superintendent of Schools, 63 Feeding Hills Road, Southwick, MA 01077.

Sealed bids, envelopes clearly marked on the outside, "MILK BIDS," shall be submitted to the Office of Superintendent of Schools, Southwick, MA., 01077, on or before 12:00 o'clock noon, Tuesday, July 6, 1982 at which time bids will be publicly opened and recorded.

The School Committee reserves the right to accept or reject any or all bids in the interest of the Southwick Public Schools.

For the Southwick School Committee
Kenneth L. Johnson
Director of Business Services
Published: June 26, 1982

LEGAL NOTICE SOUTHWICK PUBLIC SCHOOLS SOUTHWICK, MASSACHUSETTS

The Southwick School Committee invites bids to furnish bread and rolls to the schools during the 1982-1983 school year. Sealed bids, clearly labeled, "BREAD AND ROLL BID," on the envelope, will be received on or before 12:00 noon, Tuesday, July 6, 1982, at the Office of the Superintendent of Schools, 63 Feeding Hills Road, Southwick, Massachusetts, 01077, at which time the bids will be publicly opened and recorded.

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BID INVITATION FOR JANITORIAL AND CLEANING SERVICES

The Southwick School Committee invites bids to furnish janitorial and cleaning service at the Southwick High School and Powder Mill School.

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Suffield Rec Summer Program Set To Begin

By Cheryl Rutz

Suffield: Now that school is out, summer recreation programs, starting on Monday, June 28 will keep Suffield youngsters busy this summer.

Programs planned by the Recreation Commission and discussed at its Wednesday night meeting are sports camp, gymnastics camp, Sunrise Park day camp, swimming at Babb's and Sunrise Park, and arts and crafts programs. The Preschool Creative Learning Center is another program, offering math, storytelling, arts and crafts, and physical education to those not yet of school age.

Enrollment in both the preschool program and the sports camp is full this year. Commission member June Martino said the sports camp is better attended than the Sunrise day camp because the children are older and can ride their bikes as opposed to needing rides from parents.

Availability Of Schools A Problem

The commission also discussed the future availability of school buildings for activities after school hours and on weekends. These activities include intramural programs such as basketball, running, gymnastics, and women's aerobics, according to Dinnie.

The Board of Education cannot afford to pay additional utility and custodial fees due to budget cuts, said Elizabeth Mavis, a board of education member at the meeting. The buildings can be rented for town groups to hold their activities in, "but the Board is not going to open the buildings after hours unless someone else picks up the additional cost," she explained.

Dinnie said he did not think there would be much extra cost because the heat is not turned up during activities, and the lights would not be needed for outside activities.

Mavis advised Dinnie to meet with Frank Albus, assistant school superintendent to decide exactly what facilities will be needed and what the additional cost will be.

Place For Teens Needed

Another issue discussed by the commission is the need for a place in town where teenagers can congregate at night. Lt. Robert Williams, present at the meeting, said this has become a problem since the police department received word from Superintendent of Schools Sidney DuPont that people no longer will be allowed in the high school parking lot on weeknights or weekends.

Prior to May 29th, as many as 100 youths gathered regularly in the parking lot at night and left without trouble at 11:30 p.m., their designated curfew, according to Williams. "There was only one call for van-

dalism in three months, and there were some warnings but no arrests made," he added.

"The kids deserve a place to go," Williams stated, "and they need some space with proper trash receptacles." Williams suggested Bruce Park to the commission as a possible location, but said the high school parking lot is the easiest place for the police to control because it is centralized and in clear view from the road.

A subcommittee was appointed to look into finding an appropriate area in town for the youths to socialize.

Budget Cut Another \$5,000

Turning to matters concerning the budget, Dinnie stated, "We are not going to over-spend the budget this year unless there are unexpected bills."

Dinnie also said that it's unfortunate that some programs and instructors had to be cut out, but that the other counselors can provide an adequate recreation program. Among items cut are assistant summer camp instructor, one gymnastics instructor, one Sunrise day camp instructor, one arts and crafts instructor, and basically the entire senior citizen program.

According to Dinnie, these cuts will mean a serious reduction in services and all programs will have to operate on a self-sustaining basis. Dinnie concluded by saying that the \$5,000 additional cuts would leave Suffield with summer camps, waterfront programs, and administrative and office expenses covered.

FIRE COMMISSION - From Page 4...

truck would cost about \$220,000 and the money is not available now.

Volunteers Recognized For Efforts During Flooding

Besides problems with money and the budget, the commission also discussed the recent flood and commented on the superb job volunteers did pumping out cellars. Commissioners noted the difficulty they have in appropriately thanking these unpaid volunteers who put in extra time, effort and money from their own pockets during a time of crisis.

"The guys spent a lot of time helping, and I've never seen such dedication," Bellmore said. He gave special recognition to Bruce Blair, a volunteer who put in endless hours, but emphasized that all the volunteers put in more than their share.

Chairman Miner mentioned that many fire departments do not pump cellars for their residents, but he is in favor of continuing this service for Suffield.

Dog License Fee Due In June

Suffield Town Clerk Dorothy McCarty has advised residents that dog licenses must be paid for in the month of June to avoid a fine imposed thereafter. This ruling holds true throughout the State of Connecticut.

thereof, in the best interest of the Southwick Public Schools.

For the Southwick School Committee
Kenneth L. Johnson
Director of Business Services
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Johnson-Biggart Nuptials Announced

Southwick: Joy Christina Johnson became the bride of James Henry Biggart Jr. on June 26, 1982, in the Congregational Church of Southwick. Rev. David D. Wright officiated at the 1 p.m. double-ring ceremony.

The bride is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Eldon H. Johnson of 18 Bugbee Road, Southwick, and the granddaughter of Mrs. John L. Dickinson of Southwick. The groom is the son of Mr. and Mrs. James H. Biggart Sr. of Darien, Connecticut.

Attending the couple were Heidi Johnson, sister of the bride, as maid of honor and Robert Biggart, brother of the groom, as best man. Bridesmaids were Mrs. Joseph Molta, Elizabeth McLaughlin, Mrs. Robert Biggart, and Mrs. Lee Balefsky. Ushers were Stuart Johnson, brother of the bride; David Odegard, Robert Palmquist, and Paul Fischbeck.

The bride's gown was chiffon over taffeta, highlighted with Venise lace and seedpearl trim and fashioned with empire waist bodice, high neckline, and semi-full bishop sleeves. The silhouette skirt and attached chapel length train were edged in lace, as was her finger-tip veil. She carried a bouquet of gardenias and stephanotis.

The honor attendants and bridesmaids were identically attired in chiffon gowns of periwinkle and cloudy over taffeta featuring jewel neckline, elbow length sleeves with self-fabric bands, softly gathered-waisted skirt with self-fabric bands repeated at the hemline and matching satin sashes. They carried colonial bouquets of lavender roses, pink daisies, and babies breath.

The mother of the bride wore a mauve gown fashioned with a short chiffon capelet which fell from a jewel neckline and was studded with tiny pearls. The groom's mother was dressed in a two-tone lavender and violet gown.

Mrs. James Worthington and Mrs. Clyde Belew, aunts of the bride, were soloists at the wedding ceremony. Bible readings were given by Elizabeth Biggart, sister of the groom, and Stuart Johnson, brother of the bride.

Following at reception at Storowton Tavern, West Springfield, the couple left on a wedding trip to Bermuda. They will reside in Metuchen, New Jersey.

The bride is a graduate of Southwick High School and Cedar Crest College, Allentown, Pennsylvania. She is a senior credit representative with Farm Credit Service in Flemington, New Jersey.

The groom is a graduate of the Berkshire School in Sheffield, Mass., the University of Virginia, and a master's degree recipient from the University of Connecticut. He is a certified public accountant employed as a tax manager with Arthur Anderson and Co., New York City.

PWP Plans Orientation

Parents Without Partners will hold an orientation at Faith Church, corner of Sumner Avenue and Fort Pleasant Street, Springfield, on Tuesday, June 29th, at 8 p.m. for prospective members.

Prospective members may learn about the organization and join at that time if they so desire.

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SUFFIELD CALENDAR OF EVENTS

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Sun., June 27: Ice Cream Social, town green, 2-5
Mon., June 28: Fire Drill, 7, Central Firehouse; Board of Finance, 7:30, Town Hall; Commission Heads, 7:30, Town Hall; Prayer Mtg., 8, Sacred Heart hall
Tues., June 29: Free blood pressure clinic, 4-6, Emergency Aid Assn. Bldg; Boy Scout Troop 260, 7, St. Joseph's hall; Zoning Board of Appeals, 7:30, Town Hall
Wed., June 30: Thrift Shop open, 10-3:30; Republican Town Comm. Mtg., 7:30, Town Hall
Thurs., July 1: Holy Name Soc. bingo, St. Joseph's hall, 7:30
Mon., July 5: Library and Town Hall closed
Tues., July 6: Conservation Comm., Town Hall, 7:30

Schedule For Combined Summer Church Services

ALL WILL BEGIN AT 10 A.M.

July 4th: First Church of Christ, Cong., 81 High St.

July 11th: Third Baptist Church, Kent Ave.

July 18th: Second Congregational Church, W. Suffield

June 25th: Calvary Episcopal Church, Bridge St.

August 1st: Second Baptist Church, North Main St.

Remaining Sundays in August: First Baptist Church, Hastings Hill

Suffield Women's Club Announce Bridge Winners

The Suffield Women's Club has announced the winners of its Bridge Marathon. First and second place winners for the ladies' division were Arlene Sikes and Leanna Anderson and Flo Myers and Joan Harding respectively.

Winners of the couples division were Arlene and Art Sikes, first, and Blair and Carol Childs, second.

Play for next year begins in September and ends in April. Additional couples for both divisions are always welcome. For more information, call Joyce Siegel at 668-1595.

Republicans Sponsor Cookout With Candidates

The Suffield Republican Town Committee will host the four Republican gubernatorial candidates at a steak cookout on Sunday, June 30th, at 6 p.m. at Sunrise Park off Mountain Road in West Suffield.

Chet Kuras, chairman of the event, said the cookout will provide voters with an excellent opportunity to meet and speak with the candidates. Lewis Rome, Russell Post, Richard Bozzuto, and Gerald Labriola have all indicated they will attend, according to Kuras.

Tickets for this event are \$7.50 each and may be obtained by calling Kuras or Mary Dixon. Proceeds will benefit the Republican Town Committee's student intern program.

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LOOKING OVER THE NEW SHELVING at the Southwick Public Library is Librarian Mary Williams. Advertiser/News photo by John Loftus.

Southwick Library Receives New Shelves

The Southwick Public Library received a gift of new shelving from the Southwick Grange on Friday, June 11th. The library thanks Deanna Buldrini, Gertrude Cote, Elizabeth Vadrnais, and David Hansen for their assistance in rearranging furniture and books.

The shelving, which has been installed in the reference room, will greatly improve the appearance of the room as well as provide much needed space for book storage.

Summer Reading Program

A summer reading program for children who have completed first through sixth grade will be conducted from July 1st to August 26th around the theme of Enchanted Forest.

A minimum of six books will be required with an oral report or an illustration relevant to the story asked for each book. Each child who completes the program will receive a certificate, and a book festival and film program with refreshments will be held on August 26th to celebrate the completion of the program.

Mrs. Roseann McCarthy of Brownie Scout Troop 360 and Mrs. Mary Williams, librarian, will sponsor this reading program. Registration may be performed during library hours from June 21 to July 1.

Southwick Rotarians Attend Charter Night



THE NEW SOUTHWICK ROTARY was officially recognized as a Rotary Club at a "Charter Night" sponsored by the Westfield Rotary Club at Tekoa Country Club in Westfield last Wednesday night. Here, Francis Gomez (center), district governor of the Rotary, holds the Southwick Rotary's new charter. Officers of the Southwick Rotary in picture are, from left, Robert Brown, treasurer; Jeff Rogers, president; Edward St. Peter, Jr., vice-president; and Ray Fox, secretary. Advertiser/News photo by John Loftus.

Book Sale Scheduled At Library

A used book sale will take place on Friday, July 2nd, from 10 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. on the lawn of the Southwick Public Library, corner of College Highway and Granville Road (Routes 202 & 57). The sale will be sponsored by the Southwick Women's Club with proceeds slated to benefit the Southwick Friends of the Library Fund, which provides items needed and programs that the town budget does not include.

Anyone with used books to donate, especially paperbacks, may leave them at the library.

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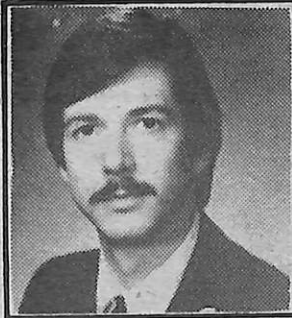


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The Widow With Young Children

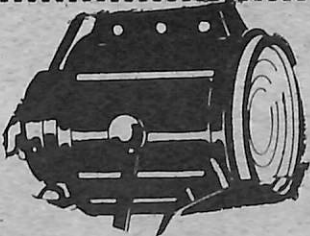
The widow left with young children carries a heavy load. If she did not work outside the home before her husband's death, she may have to find employment just to make ends meet. If she did hold an outside job, she may have to continue it. In either case, new problems can arise because she has the same work load at home in addition to trying to do many of the things her husband did.

Trying to be both mother and father can be a period of trial and frustration. It is difficult to accept the fact that although she can do many things for the children that her husband did, the role of father is one she cannot fill.

The young widowed mother's social life may come to a standstill because of time taken up by children, household duties, and employment. The young widow has a psychological advantage over an older widow. Because of the children, she has a forced motivation to build a new life for the family. Therefore, the mother will know that her life has a purpose.

To be the head of a family is a big responsibility which is always challenging and sometimes frightening. A resourceful book that might give you insight and guidance is *The One-Parent Family* by Benjamin Schlesinger. Parents without Partners is an international organization for single-parent families. Many chapters have social and educational meetings for adults along with activities for children too.

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SPOTLIGHT ON SENIORS

SOUTHWICK SENIOR CITIZENS' MENUS

Mon., June 28: Tamale beef pie, green beans, claremont salad, sliced peaches

Tues., June 29: Pork chops, whipped potatoes, summer squash, applesauce.

Wed., June 30: Chicken cacciatore, buttered noodles, broccoli, pineapple pudding

SOUTHWICK SRS. ACTIVITIES

The senior citizens' picnic is slated for Thursday, July 8th, at Stanley Park in Westfield. A smorgasbord will be served at 12:30 and entertainment will follow. Derouchers will cater the event, and Wednesday, June 30 is the closing day to pay. Contact Nellie Peterson at the Center to make reservations 569-5498.

Recently installed as officers of the Southwick Seniors' Club were Roy Johnson, president; Ted Marini, vice-president; Eleanor Harvey, secretary; Madeline Heffernan, treasurer; Nancy Morrissey, financial secretary; George Slasinski, sergeant at arms; and Helen Wilkin, three-yr. term to Board of Trustees.

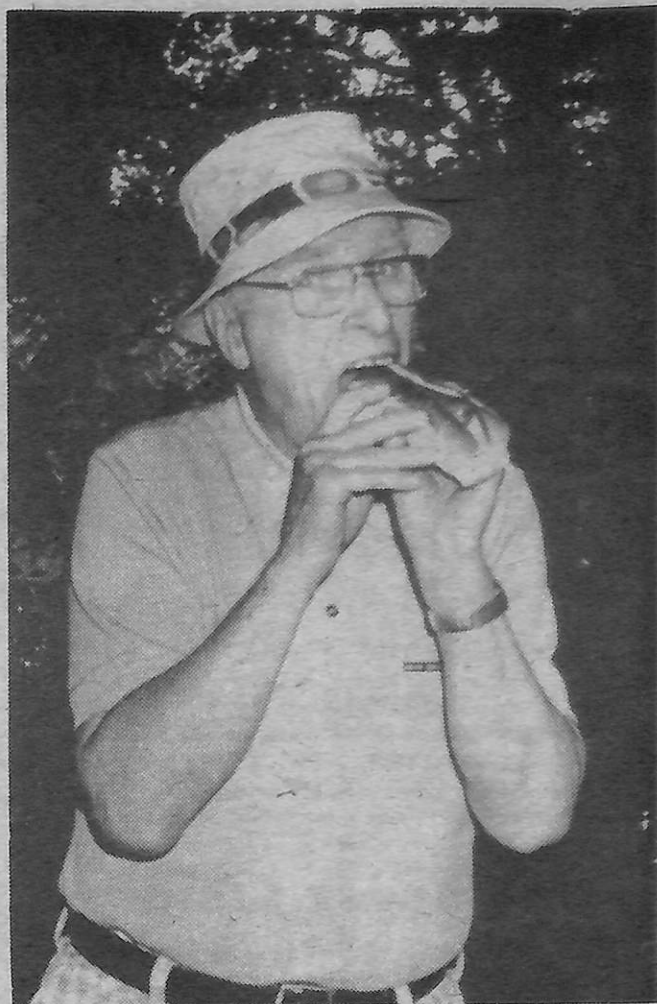
SUFFIELD SENIOR CITIZENS' ACTIVITIES

A trip to Nova Scotia has been slated for August 23-29. Reservations must be made by June 30th. Call the Suffield Recreation Dept. if interested.

A bus to Plimouth Plantation and the Mayflower will travel from Suffield High at 8 a.m. on July 24th. The cost of \$18 covers transportation and entrance fee.

A whale watch will be sponsored by the Suffield A.A.R.P. to Gloucester on August

18th. A clambake will also be held and the event is open to the general public. Call Roger



JOHN DAVIES takes a big bite out of his hot-dog at the AARP picnic. Advertiser/News photo by John Loftus.

Loomis at 668-2246 for more information.

Medicare: aid, sponsored by Chapter 1683 of A.A.R.P., during the summer months will be by calling 623-1409 in Windsor Locks or 668-2483 or 668-2572 in Suffield during the month of June. For July and August, call 668-2483, 668-2572, 668-2535, 668-7597, 668-7512, or 668-2246.

All seniors are invited to bring their picnic lunches to Sunrise Park on July 27th and August 24th.

Mystery rides to area restaurants have been planned for Thursdays, July 1, 8, 15, 22, and 29. Call the Suffield Recreation Dept. at 668-0238 if interested.

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Condominium Living At Its Best: Park View Glen

By Karen Carlson

Are you tired of raking leaves, shoveling snow and mowing lawns, yet don't want to give up the advantages of a single family dwelling?

Madison Builders' Park View Glen condominiums on Mountain Road opposite the McAlister Middle School are mostly free-standing units that "provide a home for people who wish to have the privacy of a home but no longer the care of a home."

Winding Streets

Park View Glen homes are clustered on 23 acres of well lit, winding streets carefully landscaped to create a country atmosphere. The townhouses or Cape Cod/ranch homes have light colored vinyl aluminum siding with asphalt shingled roofs. Each has two bedrooms with a total living space of between 1,280 and 1,680 square feet.

"Extensive interior customizing may be done and this could include adaptations for a handicapped person," explains David Daniel, a partner in the firm of Madison Builders Company.

Kitchens are equipped with a 17 cubic foot refrigerator, self-cleaning oven, range, and dishwasher. A heat pump supplies warmth and central air conditioning and full enclosed 12' x 14' garages are standard. Fireplaces and screened porches are an option on certain models.

Each unit has a yard which may be used for any reasonable purpose including enclosing a pet. A spacious storage area is provided in the attic of the ranch units and over the attached garages in the townhouse.

Special Features

A particularly noteworthy feature is a four-way mechanical security system which is monitored by a resident manager. The system includes a fire and smoke detector, heat failure alert, intruder alarm and a panic button (medical emergency alarm). The company's goal is to "establish a security system whereby one feels safe "at home" and feels "home" is safe when away.

Privacy security and low cost maintenance are three of the builders' primary concerns. To keep common expenses at a minimum and to attract "the discriminating buyer who relishes privacy," there are no community buildings or recreation facilities provided. According to Daniel, this keeps the "association fee down to 1/3 of the normal fees charged at larger condominiums."

For 18 years, the partnership of David T. Daniel, Walter J. Diwik and Fred Haag, has been building exclusively in Madison. In 1972, they decided to concentrate on condominiums that "do not change the lifestyle of a home owner."

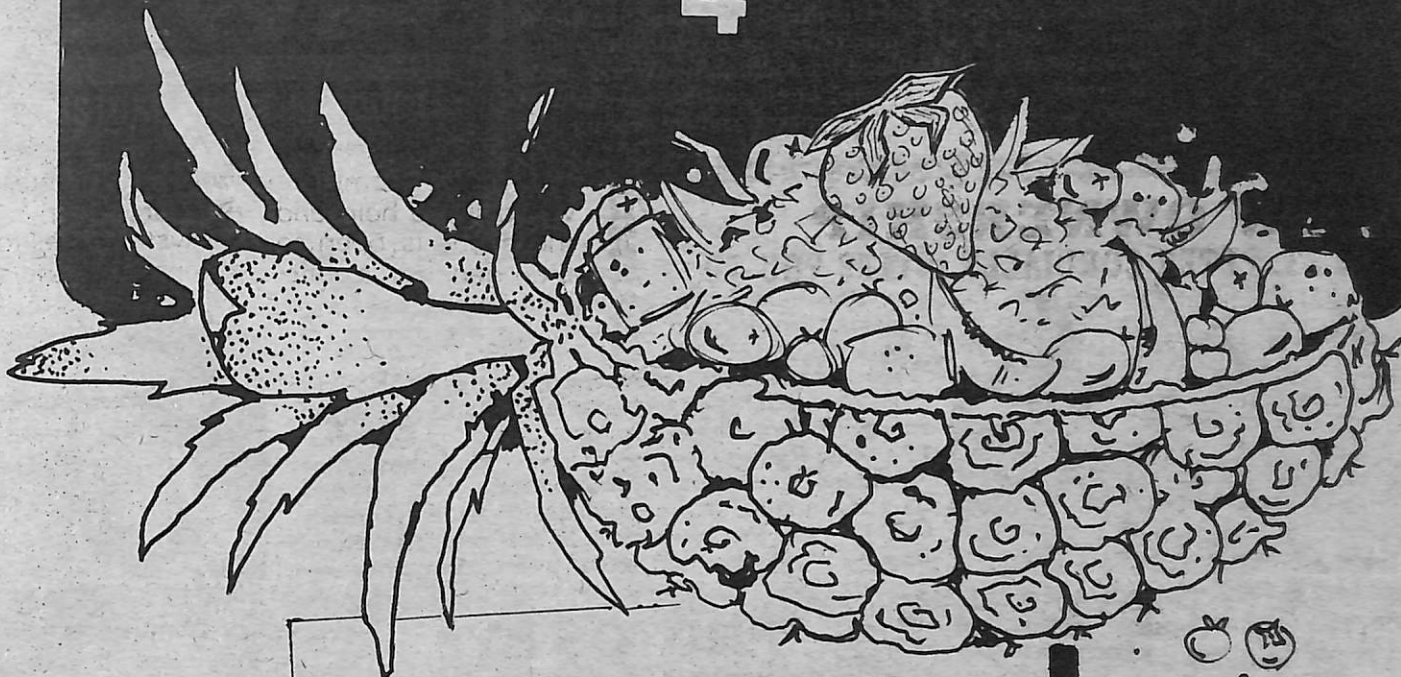
Although their philosophy and condominium approach has the greatest appeal to retired and semi-retired couples, single parents and "empty-nesters," people in many different life situations are welcome to investigate the possibilities.

Appointments are recommended for prospective buyers.



A VIEW OF A KITCHEN in one of the condominium units constructed by Madison Builders in Suffield called Park View Glen. Advertiser/News photo by John Loftus.

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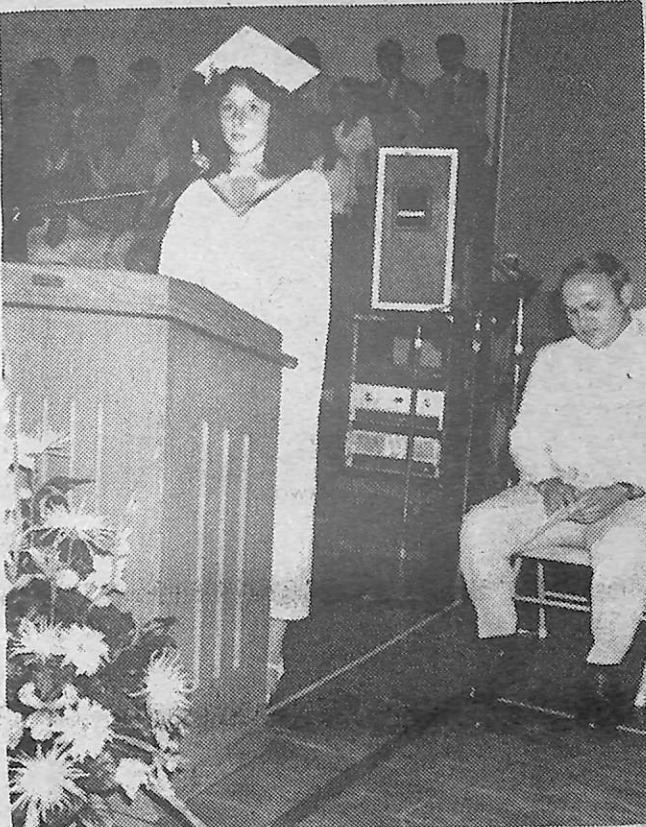
Suffield High Graduation 1982



PLATFORM SPEAKERS AT THE SUFFIELD HIGH GRADUATION were, from left, Dr. David A. Johnson, principal; Dr. Sidney DuPont, superintendent of schools; A. Stuart Fuller, chairman, Guidance Department; Robert Newman, chairman, Suffield School Board; Rev. Theodore Raczynski, Sacred Heart Church; and Robert Cecchini, vice-principal.



SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS Dr. Sidney I. DuPont speaks to graduates as Dr. Johnson looks over the large crowd.



VALEDICTORIAN MARGARET MICHELE PENDER recalls some of the finer moments for the Suffield High Class of 1982.

Pomp & Circumstance For Suffield High

By Connie Davis

Suffield: In an early afternoon ceremony held in the SHS gym, 162 seniors received their diplomas.

The featured speaker was Stuart Fuller, chairman of the guidance department. He stressed the importance of setting goals and working to achieve them.

Valedictorian Michele Pender urged her classmates to do their best and have confidence.

In a similar vein, Salutatorian Tracy Kope stressed the importance of striving to achieve goals.

Musical interludes were provided by Suffield High School Band and two groups of graduates. Richard McCarty, Timothy Geary and Christopher Mattick sang "That Lonesome Road." Nikki Chisnall, Ann Robinson, Mary Peichert and Mary Cyr dedicated their song, "Poems, Prayers and Promises" to the memory of Jackie Stafford.

Awards were presented to the graduates by SHS Principal David Johnson. After brief remarks by School Superintendent Sidney DuPont, Board of Education Chairman Robert Newman presented diplomas to the graduates. Continuing a SHS tradition, class officers read the names of the graduates. President-Timothy Geary; Vice President-Richard McCarty; Secretary-Tammy Waterman; and Treasurer-Eliza Leventis.

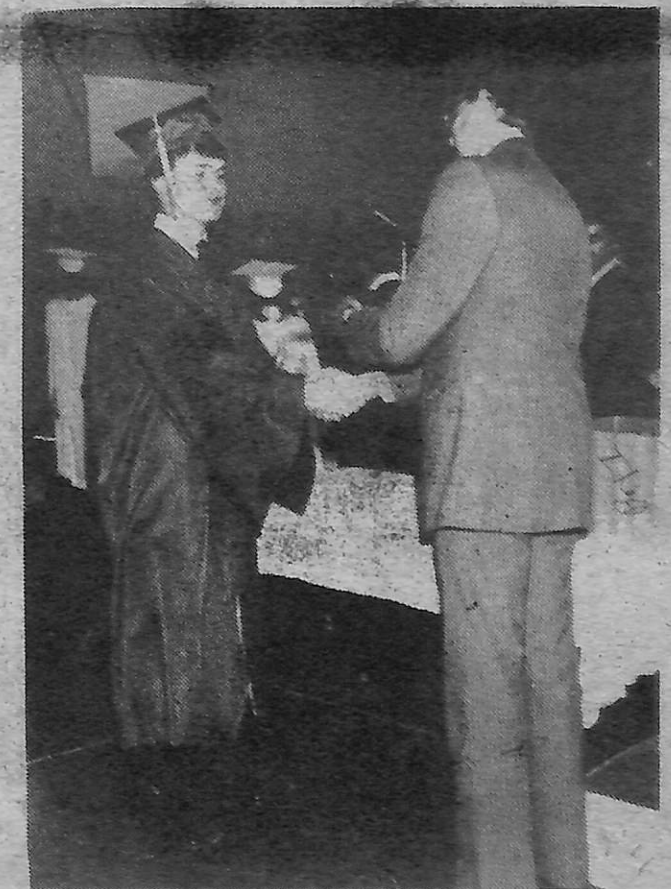
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JOHN LOFTUS**



SALUTATORIAN TRACY ANN KOPE gives her classmates some words of wisdom before they receive their diplomas.



BAND DIRECTOR RAYMOND TANGUAY and the Suffield High School band play the "Neopolitan Overture" during commencement exercise at Suffield High School last Sunday. Many 1982 graduates were part of this year's band.



SCHOOL BOARD CHAIRMAN ROBERT NEWMAN hands diploma to senior Richard McCarty at Sunday's graduation.

Scholarships & Awards

Suffield Women's Club In Memory of Miss Anna Tobin

Susan Maragret George

Suffield Women's Club Scholarships

Paula Mildren Christian

Tamara Jane Kuras

Eliza Leventis

Kelly Lynn Murphy

Pamela Lynne Norcross

Tammy Lynn Waterman

Suffield Savings Bank Scholarship

Andrew John Hryniewicz

Suffield Education Association Scholarships

Michael Anthony Deleeuw

Tracy Ann Kope

John Paul Kulas

Nancy Ann Mann

Margaret Michele Pender

David Parsons Simmons

The Polish Junior League Of Conn.

Daniel John Sullivan

The Zelmon E. Fuller Industrial Arts Award

Joseph Robert Mlinek

Dorothy E. Fuller Nurses Memorial

Mary Beth Houck

The Class of 1977 Award

Clementina Marie Blickarz

Lawrence Andrew Samplatsky

Tamara Jane Kuras

The Class of 1943 Scholarship

Nancy Ann Mann

The Emergency Aid Association

Susan Marie Osowiecki

The Michael Germain Memorial Fund Award

Joseph Robert Mlinek - Woodworking

James Edwin Allen - Metalworking

Cheryl Ann Caisse - Drafting

John Francis Egan - Auto Mechanics

The Samuel Reid Spencer Scholarship

Leslie Diane Markowski

The Chamber of Commerce Scholarship

Kathleen Ann Christian

St. Joseph's Church Rosary Guild

Lisa Ann Pawelcik

John Charles Rollet

The Suffield Lions Club Scholarship

John Paul Kulas

Shavaun Mary McCormack

The Catholic Women's Club Guild Of Sacred Heart

George Anthony Gebhart

Richard Matthew McCarty

Garden Club Of East Granby Scholarship

Deborah Ann Brown



KELLY LYNN MURPHY receives a Suffield Women's Club scholarship from Dr. David A. Johnson, principal of Suffield High School. Advertiser/News photo by John Loftus.

Suffield Rotary Club Scholarships

Susan Marie Coatti

John William Gallant

George Anthony Gebhart

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Eliza Leventis

Karen Joanne Mather

Richard Matthew McCarty

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Suffield Education Association Awards

M. Michele Pender, Valedictorian

Tracy Ann Kope, Salutatorian

Class of 1976 Bicentennial Awards

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Leslie Diane Markowski

Lisa Ann Viscomi

Suffield Women's Club Awards For Excellence:

Michele Pender - English

Eliza Leventis - Latin

Sharon Spulick - Homemaking

Larry Samplatsky - Spanish

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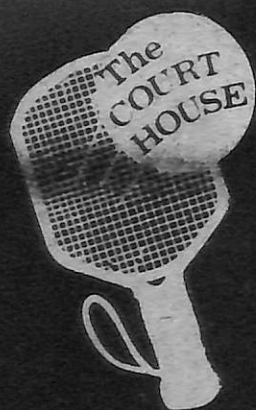
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Suffield: The Senior Class has made its final "snowshoe" exit from S.H.S. and the new "reigning" Class of '83 has assumed its position. Six hundred and sixty-two students have thus far scheduled themselves for the 1982-83 school year; yes, there still are a few "stragglers!"

The Guidance Department will have summer hours and, for the most part, will have a counselor "on the job" every Tuesday until school re-opens, the only exception being July 27th. Folks are encouraged to call ahead and make an appointment, whether it be for educational or personal needs.

"New" seniors have already been encouraged (several times!) to begin career and college searches this summer. "All" students have been reminded (several times!) to be sure their 1982-83 schedules are the ones most appropriate to their needs and one that will allow them to graduate on schedule! One of the reasons for having counselors available during the summer is to allow time for students to double check schedules so that there is little confusion when school opens.

Change More Restrictive

Next year's course change procedure has also been made more restrictive and, therefore, one more good

reason to be sure one is all set before September. We anticipate that computer printed schedules will be mailed on August 20th. If they are not identical to the "carboned" schedule students have already received, we suggest a call to the Guidance Office and perhaps an appointment to clear up any error. Remember, some courses students may have selected for next year may have course and/or grade prerequisites. If in doubt, students are encouraged to double check with their counselor.

The Guidance Office has information and applications for most of the summer school programs in the area. Students are reminded that if they plan to attend summer school, whether it be to improve a grade or make up credit, that there is also a Suffield High prior approval form needed. These forms may be picked up in the Guidance Office. Area summer school programs are being held at Fermi High in Enfield (contact Mr. Eaton 749-2215); at Suffield Academy (English only - contact Mr. Gooch 668-7315); at Longmeadow High (contact Mr. Pratt (413) 567-3331); in Simsbury at several locations (contact Mr. Krum 658-0009); at Windsor High (contact 688-8334); at Asnuntuck Community College in Enfield (contact 745-1603); and also check in West Hartford, West Springfield, Mass. and Westfield, Mass. (Check with Mr. Hagan's Southwick Guidance report in last week's **Advertiser/News** for specifics.)

Report cards are expected in during the week of July 6th. Please call the high school office (668-7328) and check to be sure they are in before you come down to pick it up. Any student wishing them to be mailed home are requested to leave a self-addressed, stamped envelope in the main office. Look for the final quarterly guidance newsletter attached to your report card.

Have a super - relaxful - careful - enjoyable summer and get set to make next year the best ever!

Woodland School Kindergarten Circus



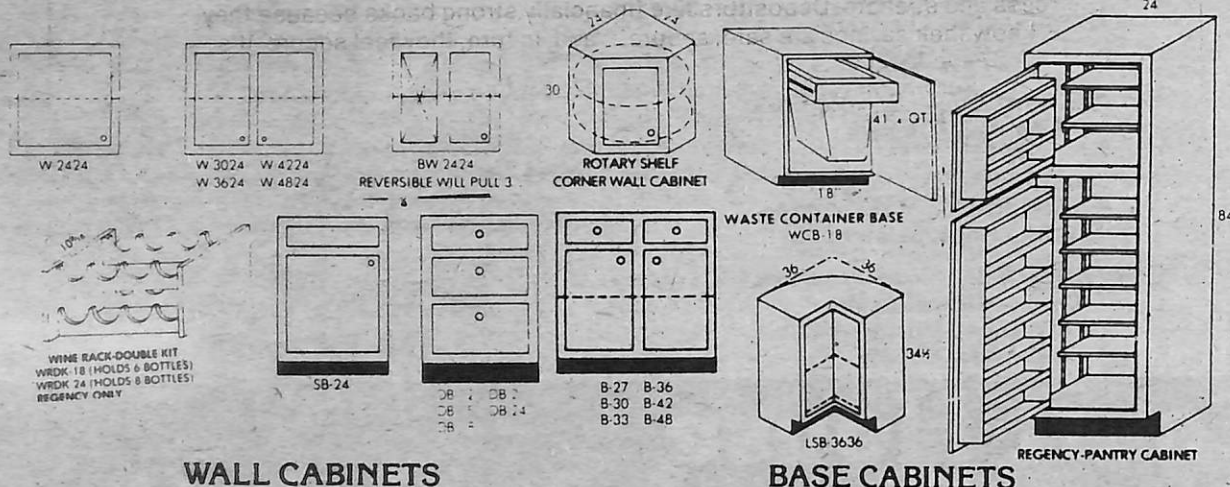
ON FRIDAY, JUNE 18TH, kindergarten students at Woodland School in Southwick held a circus complete with authentic costumes. Posing for a John Loftus photo are Woodland School pupils, from left, Michelle Mereith, Joseph Rossi and Jayceen O'Connor. Dressed as a circus clown is kindergarten teacher Ruth Morrill.

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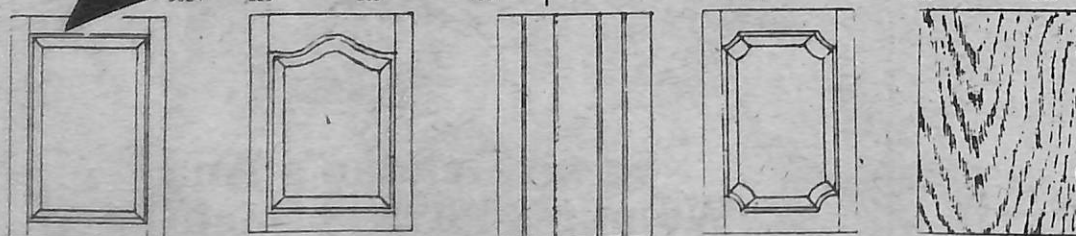


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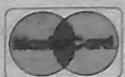
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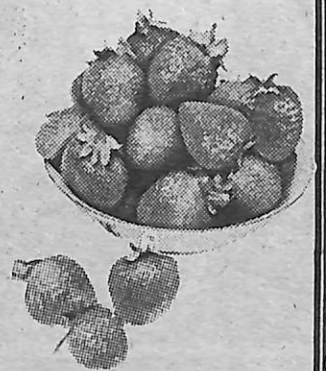
McAlister 7th Grade Chorus Hosts Recent Talent Show

Suffield: Winners in the seventh grade chorus' talent show were Terry Stearns and Amy Davis, first place for their duo rendition of "I Don't Need Anything But You" from the play *Annie*.

Winners of second place were Kathy Holbrook, Maureen Clark, Jeff Ford, and Jae Goodman for their quartet selection of "Ebony and Ivory."

Third place went to Patty Carroll for her piano solo of "Nadia's Theme."

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Third Graders Participate In "Move Up Day"

By Marsha Ramah

Southwick: On Friday, June 18th, Woodland School third graders participated in "Move Up Day", the annual event which serves to give information and build confidence in the youngsters who will enter a new environment in September.

Move Up Day attempts to prepare third graders for the transition from Woodland to Powder Mill School and for the differences they will encounter. They walked to Powder Mill School, where they were greeted by Principal Herbert Pace. Guidance counselor George LeBlanc introduced himself and gave a short talk to the children.

Pace introduced a group of eighth graders who acted as tour guides on their visit through the school. They showed their younger counterparts the layout of the building, including the location of such important rooms as the main office, nurse's office, cafeteria, and classrooms. They also informed the youngsters of rules and regulations in force at Powder Mill.

The third graders were inquisitive and listened to the older students' answers intently. A question-and-answer period with Pace and Vice-Principal Frank Vallon followed in the auditorium.

Southwick Students Attain Fitchburg Dean's List

Two Southwick students have been named to the dean's list at Fitchburg State College, Fitchburg, Massachusetts, for the spring semester.

These students are Kathleen Porter of 157 Granville Road, who is an English major, and Leonard Wolfe of 51 Coes Hill Road, who is a computer science major.

Mallette Sister & Brother Travel To Complete Studies

Karen Mallette, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Andre Mallette of North Street, Agawam, has completed her senior year at California State College in Chico, majoring in environmental science. She has attained dean's list standing throughout the year and finished with an A- average. She will return to Massachusetts next month.

Brother Ken Mallette will leave the University of Massachusetts, Amherst, to spend his senior year studying at Reno College, Reno, Nevada to major in hotel management - restaurant and travel.

Forms For Fair Pageant & Talent Show Now Available

The entry forms for this year's Westfield Fair Pageant and Talent Competition are now available. All children ages six months and older are welcome to participate and need not live in Westfield to do so.

New categories added to the competition have been included in fair officials' desire to recognize talented children. For information or entry forms, call or write the pageant director, JoAnne Kaczman, Studio 5, 146 Main St., Westfield, MA 01085 (413) 562-0300.



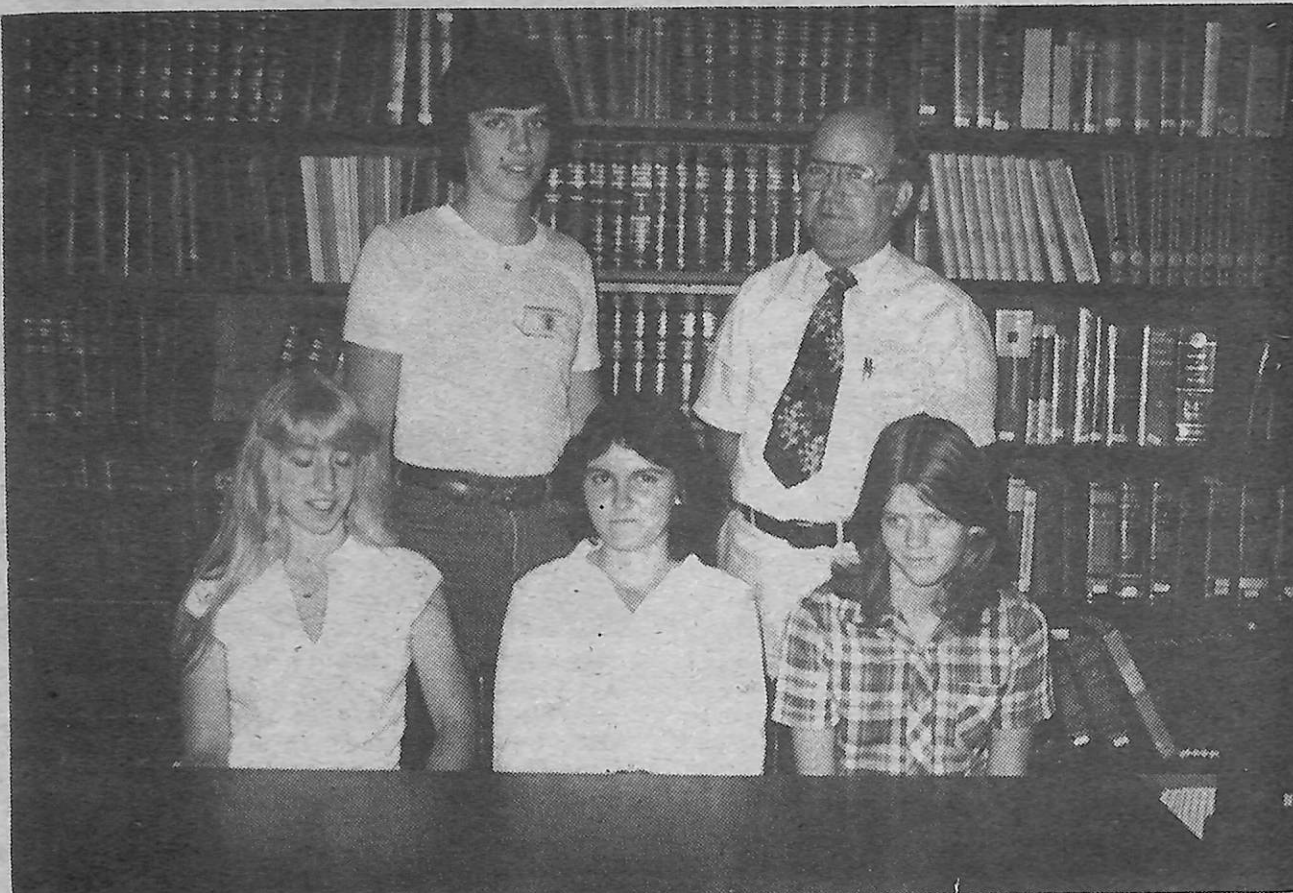
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Southwick National Honor Officers



LAST WEEK THE SOUTHWICK HIGH SCHOOL NATIONAL HONOR SOCIETY elected its new slate of officers for the 1982-83 academic year. In order to become a member of the National Honor Society, a student must reach a grade average of 85 or above. New officers seated from left, are Kim Jones, Carol Deedy and Lisa Weston. In back, Bruce Lambert and Guidance Department Director Bernie Hagan. Advertiser/News photo by John Loftus.

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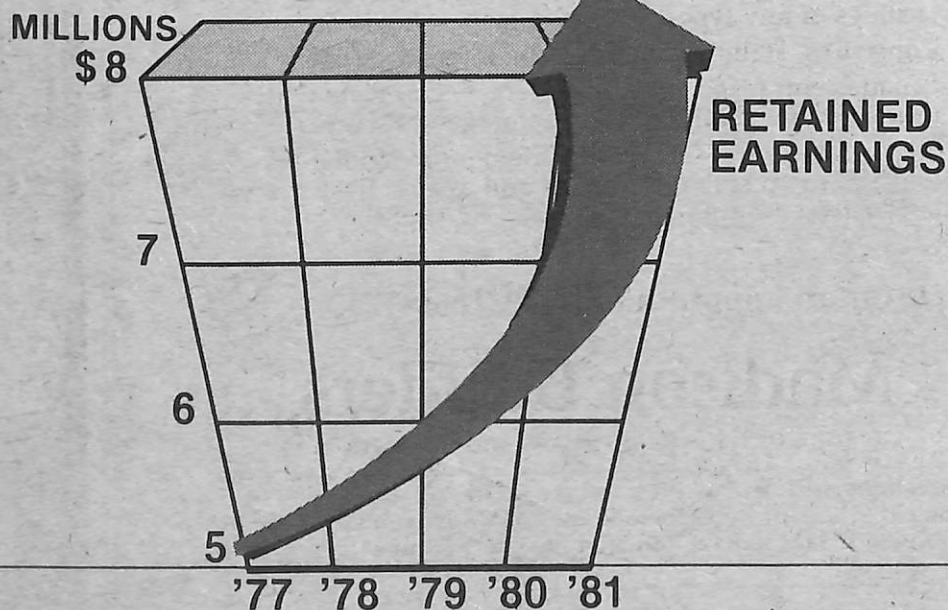
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Prew Announces Faculty Committee For Accreditation

Southwick: Southwick High School Principal Alexander H. Prew has announced the selection of eight members of the faculty as the official Steering Committee which will guide the preparations for the upcoming Evaluation and Accreditation by the New England Association of Schools and Colleges (NEASC).

Faculty members chosen to serve on the Steering Committee which oversees all aspects of the school's planning for the NEASC Evaluation and Accreditation process include: Chairman J. Paul Meagher, Assistant Principal, Michael Camerota, Social Studies Teacher, Mrs. Constance Charest, Chairwoman, Business Department, George Cleveland, Chairman, Industrial Arts Department, Dominick Dieni, Chairman, Social Studies Department, Paul Giblin, Chairman English Department, Miss Ann Murphy, Business Teacher and Yearbook Advisor, Mr. Prew, and Harry Syrenne, Chairman, Science Department.

The eighteen-month process of preparing for the evaluation, which will take place in March of 1984, began with four members of the Steering Committee attending an Evaluation Seminar held recently at East Longmeadow High. At this Seminar sponsored by NEASC, Mrs. Charest, Mr. Meagher, Mr. Giblin, and Mr. Dieni received useful information about the current policies and procedures which govern the Evaluation and Accreditation Process sponsored by the Commission on Public Schools of NEASC.

The major purpose of this process is to renew national accreditation for the school and its programs. Successful Evaluation and consequent Accreditation are essential for SHS to continue to have its graduates accepted to top colleges and hired by the best companies. The value of receiving the best possible NEASC Accreditation is that it indicates that SHS graduates are educated in a school program that makes them best able to participate effectively in their community both economically and socially.



THE FACULTY STEERING COMMITTEE for the upcoming evaluation and accreditation by the New England Association of Schools and Colleges meet to discuss preliminary plans for the 18-month process which is scheduled for March of 1984. Seated clockwise around table: Ann Murphy, business teacher and yearbook advisor; George Cleveland, chairman, Industrial Arts Department; Connie Charest, chairwoman, Business Department; Mike Camerota, social studies teacher; Dominick Dieni, chairman, Social Studies Department; Paul Giblin, chairman, English Department; Harry Syrenne, chairman, Science Department, and Paul Meagher, assistant principal. Advertiser/News photo by John Loftus.

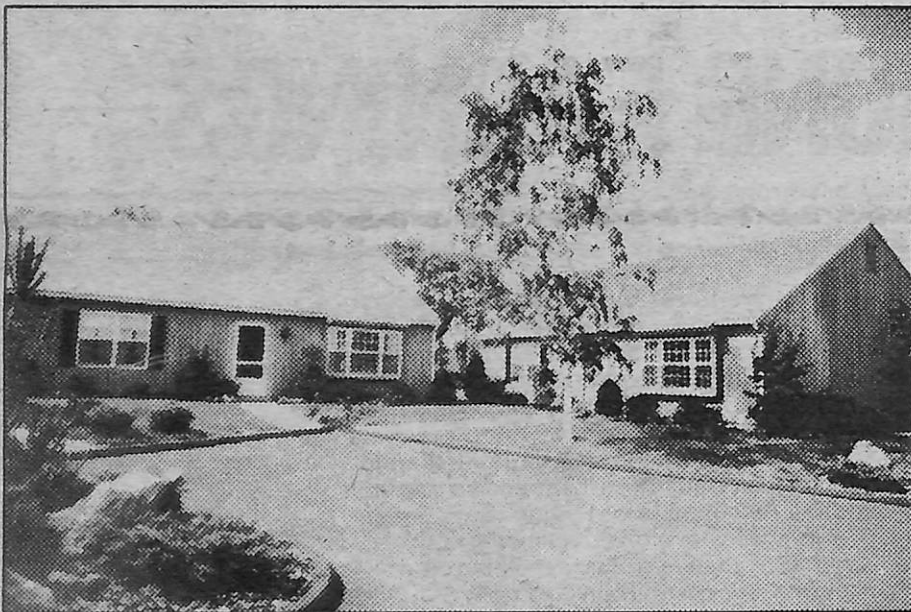
According to Principal Prew, a successful evaluation and resulting accreditation means SHS and its faculty, students, and programs have been rated as superior based on what a school must do to serve its students and community effectively.

"Southwick High and its programs have been evaluated as exceptionally outstanding. In the twenty years we have been graduating students, our previous two evaluations have each resulted in ten-year accreditations - the longest and best awarded by the

Commission," states chairman Meagher. "To continue this successful tradition, we have begun this ex-

tensive procedure with the selection of highly qualified faculty members as a Steering Committee."

The organization which will evaluate SHS is the New England Association of Schools and Colleges, founded in 1885, the oldest accrediting agency in the country. Recognized by the U.S. Department of Education as the sole agency to award accreditation to New England Schools, the Association is a voluntary accrediting agency of over 1140 public and independent schools, colleges and universities, and vocational, technical and career institutions. Of these, approximately 660 public middle, intermediate, junior high and high schools have been accredited through the Association's Commission on Public Schools.



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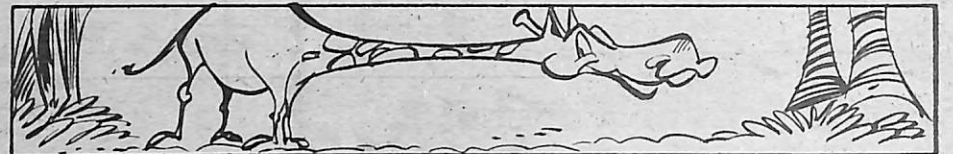
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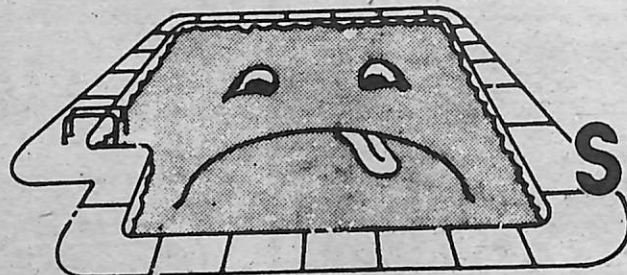
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Switching Lifestyles From Texas To Southwick

By Cheryl Bruno

The migration of Patrick Creswell from a small country town in Texas to Southwick is an interesting, colorful story, a story worth telling.

Creswell, his wife Mary and their two sons settled on 228 Feeding Hills Rd. 21 years ago and have enjoyed and loved their community ever since.

Creswell operated an auto body shop at his home and did all repairs on the town vehicles and buses for many years. He also drove a school bus for a time and was a local insurance appraiser. Currently he teaches 5th and 6th grade students Sunday school at the Christ Lutheran Church in Southwick.

"I enjoy the children," says Creswell. "They're bright and friendly, like most of the people in Southwick. I've always found Southwick to be a friendly, neighborly community, similar to the one I left in Texas."

Army Training In Mass.

World War Two changed Patrick Creswell's life in many ways, one of which was his introduction to the North. "When the army sent my orders to report for training in Springfield, Mass. I was a little nervous, but my dad was downright mad," says Creswell. "Watch them northerners son, and remember, them people are damned Yankees," were the words of advice Creswell received from his father as he left Plum Nearly, Texas for the unknown North.

Plum Nearly, Creswell tells us, is Texas lingo for "plum out of town and nearly out of the country."

While training in army intelligence in Springfield, Mass., Creswell discovered that Yankees were neither to be feared nor hated. He discovered that a frightened, lonely Texas boy, far from home, could find warmth and hospitality in this part of the country. Another wonderful discovery Creswell made while in Springfield was a lovely "Yankee girl" named Mary, whom he married in 1943.

Return to Texas

After seeing action behind the German lines, in the Battle of the Bulge, and on Omaha Beach, Creswell returned to Texas. There he relayed stories to his amazed father about the wonders of the North and the warm, friendly Yankees he had met.

Creswell's services in the battles of World War Two came as no surprise to his friends, due to his ancestors' military background. His great-great grandfather served in the Revolutionary War. Great grandfather fought in the War of 1812, and his grandfather, a Mississippi cotton plantation owner, was a general in the Confederate army during the Civil War. "Sam Houston, one of Texas' most famous citizens, was my great-great grandmother's cousin," says Creswell proudly.

"It was good to be home and have that horrible war behind me. Being back on the family farm, near San Antonio, with my 13 brothers and sisters was just great," says Creswell.

Patrick and Mary Creswell enjoyed their leisurely Texas life of working the family cattle farm and operating an auto body shop, but often reminisced about their days together up north, and the warm, friendly Yankees that Creswell had met.

Migration To Mass.

Something seemed to be pulling him back, and in the late 40's, Creswell and his family migrated back to Massachusetts.

After the careful scrutiny of Chicopee, Ludlow, Westfield and Southwick, Creswell found the "perfect spot" to settle and raise his family. "I have never regretted moving north," comments Creswell. "We visit Texas every year, but have lived a good life here, and have met the warmest, friendliest people that exist anywhere, right here in Southwick."

Creswell, normally an active man, was slowed down to a complete stop, when in March of 1979, a stroke totally incapacitated him. Through therapy and "excellent care from my lovely wife," Creswell is walking and talking and recuperating quite nicely.

Creswell's two sons have given him 6 grandchildren and "fortunately for me, two of them live right here in Southwick," he adds happily. Now that he has been forced into retirement, and has more free time, he enjoys going to the Southwick Rec. Center to watch grandson, Ian, and granddaughter, Heather, play ball. "I was surprised to see how much my kids had improved this year. The training and coaching they get over at that Rec. Center is great." (Is it merely a coincidence that Creswell's son Kirk and his wife Margaret are Rec. Center coaches?)

For relaxation, Creswell enjoys furniture refinishing and is a history buff who loves reading anything historical.

Creswell loves his community and adds, "The friendly, neighborly, Yankee town of Southwick has truly become my home."

If you're out driving this summer and happen to pass 228 Feeding Hills Rd., you may see someone on a riding lawn mower, wearing a ten gallon hat. Slow down, beep your horn, and wave a big "howdy" to Southwick's own transplanted Texan, Mr. Patrick Creswell.



PATRICK CRESWELL of 228 Feeding Hills Road, is Southwick's answer of "J.R. Ewing." Advertiser/News photo by John Loftus.

Parents Group Sets Tag Sale

The Western Mass. Apnea Monitoring Parents Support Group will hold a tag sale on June 26th at 4 Charles Street, Westfield, from 10 to 5 o'clock.

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Southwick High Honors Athletes For School Sports

By Chris Hout

Southwick High honored ten different teams and their outstanding athletes at an awards assembly held at the school last Friday.

Honored were teams from the winter and spring seasons.

Master of Ceremonies Bob Dvorchak also praised the work of Boost Our Southwick Schools (BOSS), an organization that helped defray the cost of athletics during the course of the year.

"The job these people did was just tremendous," said Dvorchak, directing his comments at the student body. "You should all be very grateful for such an organization."

"I really do not know what would have happened if BOSS didn't do as much as they did for us. They deserve a lot of credit," Dvorchak said.

The festivities kicked-off with the baseball awards given out by Athletic Director James Vincent, who also serves as varsity baseball coach.

The baseball team won the D-Division for the third consecutive season this year (tied with Granby and Hampshire).

"This group was very hard working and dedicated," Vincent told the audience. "They made my job a lot easier than it usually is."

Vincent also cited the four athletes that were a part of all three championship teams - Al Swanson, Gene Davidson, Tommy Egerton and Jimmy Porter.

Vincent also chose Porter, a pitcher and outfielder, as the outstanding player for the 1982 season.

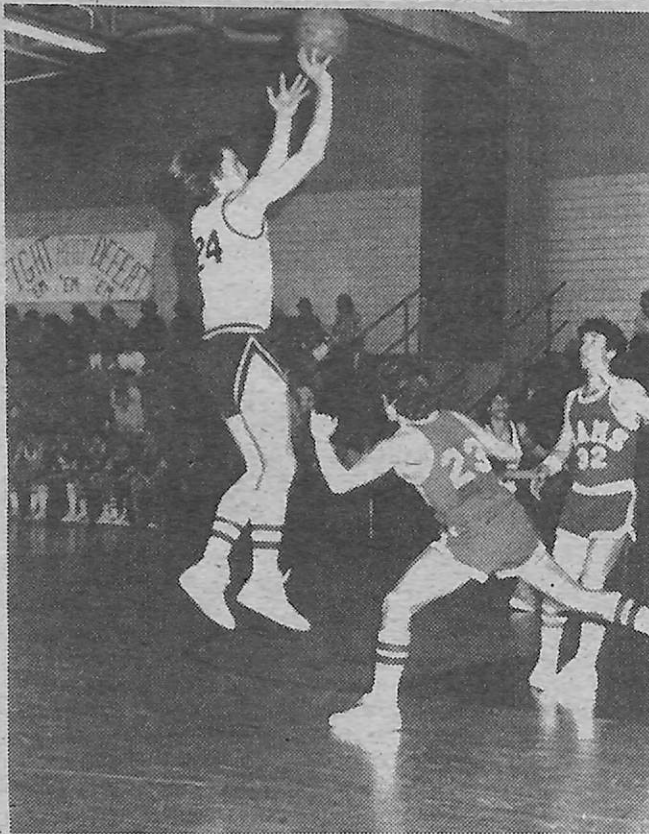
"It was a tough decision but I felt that Jim contributed the most on this team," said Vincent.

Vincent remained on at the podium to laud his girls basketball team for their efforts this season. The Ram girls finished the season 14-4 and made it to the Western Mass. tourney, finishing second in the D Division race.

Vincent termed the girls team as "very dedicated and a good group of girls." He chose Kim Florek, the team's leading scorer and captain, as the outstanding basketball player.

Florek was also chosen to the All-League and All-Western Mass. team.

Mike Camerota then cited the girls softball team for their 10-8 record. The record was good enough for a fourth place finish in the tough D Division.



SOUTHWICK'S "Swan Song" for the 1982 basketball season was senior center Allan Swanson, who, described Coach Bob Lawless, was the key to Southwick's best season in four years. Advertiser/News photo by John Loftus.

"We really didn't have a lot of experience this year," commented Camerota, noting that there were only two seniors on the team. "But we really did about what I had expected for the year."

Once again, Florek was chosen as the outstanding player, this time in softball.

"She was, in my mind, the best catcher in all of Western Mass.," said Camerota of Florek. "She is the true definition of a most valuable player. Florek, who led the team in five offensive categories, was chosen with pitcher Robin Schools for the All-League team. Schools pitched in nine of ten Southwick victories."

The awards for the boys varsity basketball team were presented by Coach Bob Lawless. The boys team qualified for the Western Mass tourney this year for the first time in four seasons with a 14-6 showing.

"This is the most successful basketball team we've had in Southwick in the last few years," said Lawless. "I was extremely pleased with the season we had."

Southwick won their first tourney game before bowing to number one seed Easthampton, 52-48, in the second round. Lawless cited Al Swanson as the team's outstanding player.



SOUTHWICK STAR CATCHER KIM FLOREK was named as the outstanding female athlete for the Class of 1982. Kim was named to the All-League team and is a sure-fire bet to win All-Western Mass. honors. Advertiser/News photo by John Loftus.

"When Al goes, so goes the Southwick basketball team. That is the reason why he is my MVP," Lawless told the gathering.

Lawless led the team in scoring with a 14-point average and in rebounds with 13 per game.

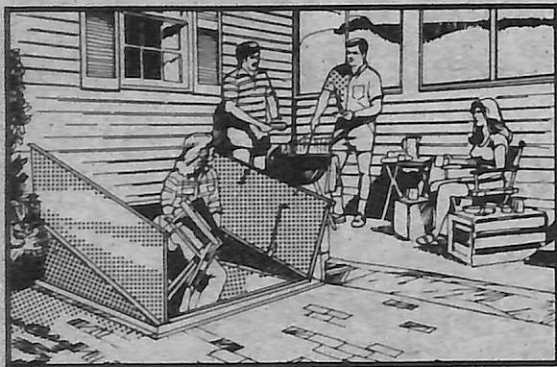
Dvorchak filled in for Bob Thompson for the wrestling awards and cited Doug Hale as the team's outstanding wrestler.

Hale was 10-5 on a team that was just 2-11 in their initial year of Division I competition.

Carol Deedy received the outstanding trackster award for her accolades this season. Deedy broke the school mark for the mile run this past year.

Three girls on the Southwick track team qualified for Western Mass. In boys track, Danny English copped the outstanding athlete award for his performance. English captured 18 first place finishes this season for the 5-8 Rams. This marks the second season in a row that English has won the outstanding Athlete award in track.

Junior varsity teams and the cheerleaders, both varsity and junior varsity, received their letters and certificates at the ceremony.



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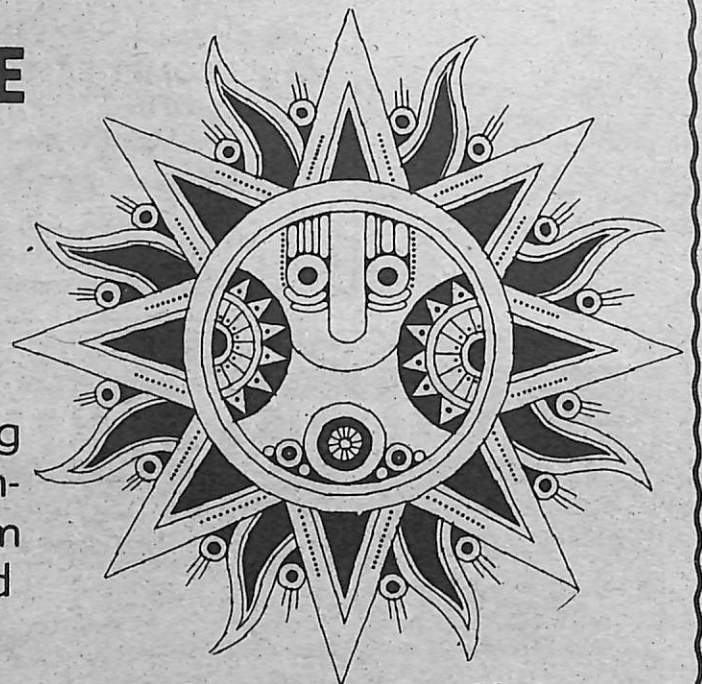
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Recreation Center

By Cindy Meaney-Massai

The Southwick Rec Center kickball program completed its season last week. The Red team and the Granville team tied for first place, while the Purple team and Black team took second and third places, respectively. The Rec Center would like to congratulate all of the girls who participated in the kickball program.

Special thanks go to the kickball coaches for giving their time, expertise, and patience to the program. The kickball coaches are **Donna Johnson, Red team; Robin Johnson, Purple team; Trudy Vetrees, Black team; and Linda Lisowski, Granville.**

To all of you tennis players out there! The Rec Center has three tennis courts that are in great shape. Tennis membership costs are as follows: Students (under 18) - \$15.00; Individual - \$50.00; and Family - \$75.00. We would like to see the courts get a lot of use this summer. For information to join, please call 569-5302.

Rec Center bingo is continuing to draw large crowds and, therefore, the money and prizes are bigger. We would like to see even more bingo players join us every Wednesday night at 7:15 p.m. at the Rec Center to Powder Mill Road.

The summer program for the week of June 14th are as follows:

Kickball: Granville 60 - Blue 19
Girls 9-11 Softball: Green 10 - Red 6; Granville 14 - Orange 2; Blue 16 - Red 11.
Girls 12-16 Softball: Blue 17 - Green 8; Green 11 - Blue 5; Blue 12 - Red 11.
Boys 8 - 9 Baseball: Cubs 13 - Granville 2; Pirates 11 - Cards 9; Cubs 14 - Braves 6
Boys 10 - 12 Baseball: Yanks 11 Twins 9; A's 9 - Reds 5; Granville 10 - Orioles 4; Yanks 13 - Reds 7; Tigers 14 - Orioles 6.

Firesafe Ideas

By the Suffield Firemen's Association, Inc.



TAKE CARE AROUND FIREWORKS

Last year in the United States nearly 8,000 persons, half under the age of 15, were treated in hospital emergency rooms for firework related injuries. Connecticut and Massachusetts ban the public sale and use of consumer type (Class C) fireworks (including sparklers, fountains, snakes, firecrackers with no more than 50 mg powder, Roman candles etc.). Celebrate the 4th safely:

- 1 - Attend only public displays where licensed technicians operate the fireworks properly, and authorities have approved the procedures and physical arrangement of the area.
- 2 - If you find fireworks - do not ignite them - dispose of them properly.

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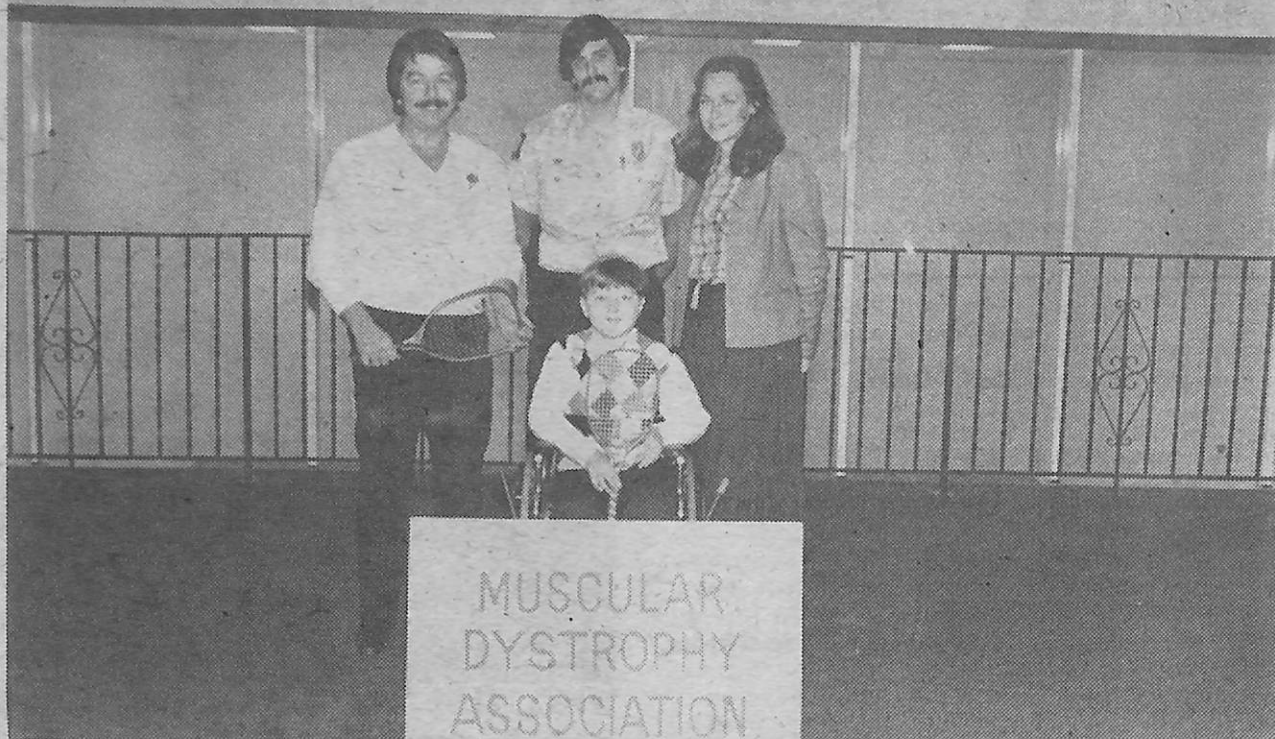
NEWS

OF SPORTS

Wouldn't it be great to see Hank Aaron hit another home run? See Yogi Berra step out onto the field with his catcher's mitt just one more time? See Stan Musial and Willie Mays recreate their special brand of baseball magic?

It's happening this year, when many of baseball's most fabled players step onto the field, July 19th at RFK Memorial Stadium in Washington, D.C. They are playing in the First Annual Cracker Jack Old-Timers Baseball Classic, a reunion of former National and American League greats in a five-inning game.

The Court House



From left, RALPH DEPALMA, owner of the Court House Racquetball and Health Fitness Facility, David Reese, from the Suffield Police Department, and Susan Wischerth, MDA Patient Service Coordinator, are all set with Western Mass. Poster Child Robert Scott of Greenfield, MA for the upcoming MDA fundraising tournament. Advertiser/News photo by Jack Devine.

Racquetball Marathon To Benefit MDA

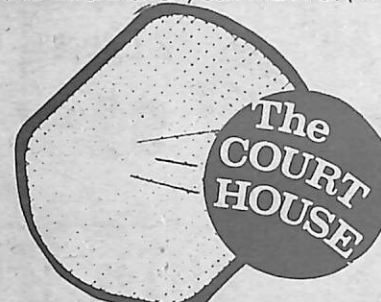
The majority of law enforcement officials in the Greater Springfield area are currently sponsoring a racquetball marathon to benefit the Western Mass. Chapter of the Muscular Dystrophy Association.

The event will be held at the Court House, located on North Westfield Street (Route 187) in Feeding Hills. Festivities begin promptly at 6 p.m. on Saturday, July 17th, and conclude on Sunday, July 18th, at 6 p.m.

Each participant will be asked to raise a minimum of \$20 in sponsor money which will entitle him/her to a half-hour of court time, beer, food and raffle prizes. A grand raffle prize exclusive to players will be a weekend getaway to Atlantic City.

The public is also invited to participate and may pick up their sponsor forms and rules at their local police station or at the Court House. The Court House has donated the use of its courts for the event and all proceeds will benefit MDA. The funds will be used to help maintain the MDA clinic at Baystate Medical Center in Springfield, which operates at no cost to its clients.

For further information, call MDA at (413) 732-7464.



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 With some boos and some hisses;
 A thoughtless voice cries,
 "Strike out the bum!"
 Tears fill his eyes;
 The game's no longer fun.

Remember, he just a little boy,
 Who stands all alone.
 So open your heart and give him a break,
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Suffield Savings Bank Holds Awards Night

The Athletic Banquet for Suffield High School athletes had close to 200 people in attendance for its annual awards night sponsored by Suffield Savings Bank.

In addition to varsity letters, certificates and jackets, the following athletes received special recognition:

BOYS SOCCER:

Most Improved Award: **Dave Merrill**

Most Valuable Award: **John Bertolini, David Simmons and Danny Sullivan**

GIRLS SOCCER:

Most Improved Award: **Cathy Miller**

GIRLS CROSS COUNTRY:

Most Improved Player: **Sandy Kelly**

4th Year Letter Pen Set: **Nancy Shaughnessy**

BOYS CROSS COUNTRY:

Most Improved Players: **Bret Lynch**

FIELD HOCKEY:

Most Improved Player: **Michelle Dion**

BOYS GYMNASTICS

Most Improved Player: **Mike Milligan**

4th Year Letter Pen Set: **Mike Milligan and Jack Rollet**

GIRLS GYMNASTICS:

Most Improved Player: **Jill Woodworth**

4th Year Letter Award: **Dawn Cummock**

HOCKEY:

Most Improved Player: **Bob Heyse**

Most Valuable Player: **John Bertolini**

Edward Noe Outstanding Defensive: **John Bertolini**

4th Year Letter Pen Set: **John Bertolini**

BOYS BASKETBALL:

Most Improved Player: **David Simmons**

GIRLS BASKETBALL:

Most Improved Player: **Debbie Lownds**

CHEERLEADERS:

Outstanding Cheerleader: **Lisa Viscomi**

BOYS TENNIS:

Most Improved Player: **Kent Daigle**

4th Year Letter Pen Set: **Eric Drake and Rob Psholka**

GIRLS TENNIS:

Most Improved Players: **Diane Lingenfelter, Sue Lingenfelter**

GOLF:

Most Improved Player: **Bob Brackett**

4th Year Letter Pen Set: **John Kulas**

SOFTBALL:

Most Improved Player: **Kathy Kavanagh**

BASEBALL:

Most Improved Player: **Jim Danise**

Most Valuable Awards: **John Bertolini**



WHO ELSE BUT JOHN BERTOLINI could be considered as the outstanding senior athlete at Suffield High School? John excelled in soccer, hockey and baseball in the 1981-82 school year.

Advertiser/News photo by John Loftus.

Girls Track:

Most Improved Player: **Kim Washburn and Chelen Edwards**

Most Valuable Player: **Tammy Marek and Pam Norcross**

4th Year Letter Pen Set: **Pam Norcross**

BOYS TRACK:

Most Improved Players: **Arthur Cockett and Bret Lynch**

MAJOR AWARDS

Meade Alcorn Outstanding Athlete: **John Bertolini**

Barbara Ganley Outstanding Athlete: **Pam Norcross**

Daniel F. Sullivan Sportsmanship Award: **Mike Milligan, Rick McCarty, Jack Rollet and Tracey Pedersen**

Robert Fetko Award: **Dawn Cummock**

Coaches Awards: **Tammy Marek and David Simmons**

AWARDS - From Page 11...

Yearbook Awards

Tina Blickarz, Leslie Markowski and Larry Samplatsky

Barclay Brotherhood Awards

David Woodruff and Shavaun McCormack

Physical Education Leadership Awards

Scott Mandirola and Richard McCarty

Business Education Awards

Tina Viets - Procedures
David Simmons - Accounting

Home Economics Award

Patty Tsakiris

Foreign Language Book Awards

Kelly Murphy - French

Leigh Dudek - Spanish

Callie Glass - Latin

University of Connecticut Book Award

John Gallant

DeKalb Agricultural Award

Fran Lutwinas

M.M Owen Prizes

Tracy Pedersen - Art

Kent Broder - Industrial Arts

Callie Glass - Music

Suffield Education Secretaries' Award In Business Ed

Lori Armata

Donald Pratt Memorial Award In Metal Working

Norm LeBlanc

Alliance Francaise Book Award

Catherine Miller

Connecticut Nurserymen's Award

Glenn Korner

Suffield Garden Club Award

Glenn Korner

Student Council Leadership Awards

John Bertolini

Tina Blickarz

Duane Lagle

Eliza Leventis

Cheryl Lumbfuno

Richard McCarty

Jack Rollet

Jay Serino

Tammy Waterman

David Simmons

Eileen Oleksak Book Award For Service

Tammy Waterman

Barbara Ganley Memorial Award

Tracey Pedersen

American Legion Auxiliary Memorial Award

Eliza Leventis

Drafting Awards

Cheryl Caisse and Mike Deleeuw

Computer Science Awards

Mike Deleeuw, John Kulas and Jack Rollet

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